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SUBJ: GAO RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASED TUITION AT BAHRAIN SCHOOL

REF: MANAMA 0251 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: REQUEST DEPARTMENT SUPPORT DOD' S POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUING FUNDING LEVEL FOR BAHRAIN SCHOOL. IF SCHOOL IS DOWNGRADED OR FAISL BECAUSE OF DECLINE IN USG SUPPORT, DAMAGE TO USG INTERESTS IN BAHRAIN COULD BE SIGNIFICANT. END SUMMARY

1. GAO ACTING DIRECTOR SENT LETTER FEBRUARY 23 TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WITH COPIES TO OMB, SECRETARY OF ARMY, CHAIRMEN OF HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS, ARMED SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, RECOMMENDING BAHRAIN SCHOOL INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY
TUITION FEE FOR DEPENDENTS OF NON- USG EMPLOYEES FROM \$982 TO OVER \$1700. COL K. T. STEVENS OF HQ U. S. ARMY EUROPE IS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN FACTS OF SITUATION AND DEFEND REQUEST FOR FULL AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN ORDER THAT OFFICE OF U. S. DEPENDENTS SCHOOL, EUROPEAN AREA (USDESEA) CAN CONTRIBUTE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUED OPERATION OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED BAHRAIN SCHOOL AS ARRANGED LESS THAN YEAR AGO AMONG COMIDEASTFOR, USDESEA, BAHRAIN GOVERNMENT AND SEVERAL AMERICAN COMPANIES OPERATING IN BAHRAIN AND GULF AREA.

2. WITH THE CONVENING OF BAHRAINS' S FIRST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SHORTLY, GOB WILL BE UNDER CONTINUING PRESSURE TO JUSTIFY THE
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ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE USG WITH RESPECT TO PRESENCE OF COMIDEAST-
FOR INF BAHRAIN AND IT WILL NEED TO BE ABLE TO POINT OUT
TANGIBLE BENEFITS BAHRAIN RECEIVES FROM THE ARRANGEMENT. ONE
IMPORTANT BENEFIT IS THE PRESENCE OF THE BAHRAIN SCHOOL, WHICH
IS A DISTINCT ATTRACTION FOR AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN BUSINESS-
MEN TO BAHRAIN.

3. ALMOST DOUBLING TUITION FOR NON- USG DEPENDENTS AT ONCE, AS
RECOMMENDED BY GAO, COULD HAVE SEVERE EFFECT ON SCHOOL AND
BRING MUCH ILL- FEELING AGAINST USG IN BAHRAIN BY PERSONS IN LOCAL
COMMUNITY WHO INTENDED SEND THEIR CHILDREN THERE BUT COULD NO
LONGER AFFORD TUITION. THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE AT THIS TIME OF
YEAR WHEN IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SUCH
PERSONS TO FIND ALTERNATE SCHOOLING FOR THEIR CHILDREN. PROBLEM
WILL BE MADE MORE SEVERE IF BAHRAINIS DISCOVER, AS THEY PROBABLY
WILL, THAT TUITION IS DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST NON- USG DEPENDENTS,
EVEN THOUGH THIS CAN BE EXPLAINED.

4. IN SHORT, AMBASSADOR AND CHARGE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POLITICAL
DAMAGE WHICH COULD BE DONE TO AMERICAN POSITION IN BAHRAIN IF
USG ACTION RESULTED IN A RADICAL CHANGE IN TUITION CHARGES
AND/ OR SCHOOL SHOULD FAIL AS RESULT WITHDRAWAL USG SUPPORT AT
THIS TIME. THEREFORE, URGE THAT USG CONTINUE SUPPORT BAHRAIN
SCHOOL AT PRESENT LEVEL WITH PRESENT TUITION FOR NEXT YEAR AND
MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN TUITION AS GRADUAL AS POSSIBLE
OVER COMING YEARS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PUT FORWARD OUR VIEWS TO
APPROPRIATE DOD OFFICIALS IN SUPPORT OF USDEASEA REQUEST.

5. AMBASSADOR PRESENTLY ON GULF TRIP, BUT HE FULLY SUPPORTS ABOVE
POSITION. DETAILS OF SITUATION AND ARGUMENTATION, IF REQUIRED,
ARE WITH COL. STEVENS IN DOD.
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